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(U) PolOff delivered reftel demarche to MFA Iran Desk Officer Stefano De Leo on April 7. De Leo said Italy shares U.S. concerns about Iran's treatment of religious minorities, including the Bahai. He added that it is equally important for the international community to protest Iranian human rights violations, in addition to the nuclear issue, in our efforts to change the Iranian regime's behavior. SPOGLI